Dr. Stephanie Sanders receives Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award

Dr. Stephanie Sanders, Associate Director of The Kinsey Institute and Professor of Gender Studies at Indiana University, is the recipient of the 2007 Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS). This award honors professionals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of sexology.

Dr. Sanders is being honored for her research, teaching and service, including past president of SSSS. Her research interests combine biological and social perspectives to understanding sexual behavior and gender. She has published extensively on prenatal drug exposure and its effect on development and behavior, condom use errors and problems, sexual attraction, women's sexual arousal, and risk factors in sexual health. As interim director in the mid 1990's, and in her current role as associate director, Dr. Sanders is committed to the growth of The Kinsey Institute as a center for the interdisciplinary study of sexuality, gender, and sexual health.

The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS) is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge about sexuality and brings together an interdisciplinary group of professionals who believe in the importance of quality research and the clinical, educational, and social applications of research related to all aspects of sexuality.

Dr. Sanders will be the sixth Indiana University faculty member to receive this prestigious award, making IU the leading university with recipients of this recognition, and illustrating the long-time national and international leadership of IU in the scientific study of human sexuality. Previous IU faculty winners are John Bancroft, Paul Gebhard, Julia Heiman, Martin Weinberg, and William Yarber.

Dr. Sanders will be presented with her award at the 50th anniversary meeting of the SSSS, in November, 2007. This year also marks the 60th anniversary year of the founding of The Kinsey Institute.

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